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N.J. BOARD OF NURSING

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION FOR LICENSURE OF

Administrative Action

CONSENT ORDER

Debra Ann Perrin

TO PRACTICE NURSING

IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Nursing ("Board") upon receipt of Debra Ann Perrin's application for licensure as a Licensed Practical Nurse by examination, including voluntary consent to a criminal history background check. Upon review of the results of the criminal history background check, the Board ascertained that the applicant was arrested on September 1, 1985 by the Hamilton Township Police Department and charged with violating N.J.S.A. 2C:20-11(B)(1) (Shoplifting). On October 16, 1985, the applicant was found guilty in the Hamilton Township Municipal Court and assessed fines and costs totaling two hundred dollars (\$200.00).

The applicant failed to disclose this arrest and conviction on her application for licensure, answering "No" to the question on the license application which asked if she had ever been arrested and "No" to the question which asked if she had ever been found guilty of any

offense. The applicant stated that she checked "no" to the questions because she misread the question thinking that it was in the last ten years.

The applicant now acknowledges the arrest and conviction and provided copies of the certification of disposition from the municipal court. The applicant maintains that she has turned her life around to be a more responsible and hard working adult.

The Board finds that the applicant misrepresented her criminal history on the application which constitutes a violation of  $\underline{\text{N.J.S.A.}}$  45:1-21(b).

The Board having reviewed this matter, and having considered the nature and timing of the above conduct, and the parties desiring to resolve this matter, and the Board having determined that the within Order is sufficiently protective of the public, in lieu of further proceedings, and for other good cause shown;

## IT IS on this <u>33rd</u> day of <u>Chaber</u>, 2015 HEREBY ORDERED AND AGREED that:

- 1. Debra Ann Perrin's application for licensure as a Licensed Practical Nurse shall be granted upon proof of successful completion of the National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nurses (NCLEX-PN), Board review and approval of a completed application and compliance with paragraph two below.
- 2. A civil penalty in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) is hereby imposed upon the applicant for failing to disclose

her arrest and conviction on her application. Payment shall be made by certified check, bank cashier check, or money order payable to "State of New Jersey," or by wire transfer, direct deposit, or credit card payment submitted contemporaneously with this signed Order. Any other form of payment will be rejected and will be returned to the party making the payment.

3. The applicant shall obey all the laws of the State of New Jersey, the United States and their political subdivisions, as well as all regulations, rules or laws pertaining to the practice of nursing in any State or jurisdiction in which she practices nursing.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING

Bv:

Patricia Murphy, PhD, APN

Board President

I have read and understand the within Consent Order and agree to be bound by its\_terms.

Debra Ann Pernin